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Wish I Could Go Back

by Alexis Yohros

I wish I could go back to those good old days,
When I was little and acted in preschool plays.
Maybe go back to the first grade,
When in just two seconds a new friend was made.

I wish I could go back to where starting a rumor
Would just be about whose mom would pick us up
sooner.

A place where sorry barely had to be used,
Back when drugs and alcohol weren't abused.

I wish I could go back to coloring books,
Where monsters were evil, not dirty looks.
Back to the playground and swinging on swings,
Rather than cheating and two-second flings.

I wish I could go back to dressing my favorite
bear,
Rather than in the bathroom holding my friend's
hair.

Back to when I could pretend to fly,
Instead of watching my friends get high.

I wish I could go back to reciting ABC's,
Before the pressure of taking SAT's.
Back to when promises meant forever,
Or a time when my parents were still together.

Let's go to a time when "I love you"s were true,
Not just a text that was sent to you.
Let's go back to those fairytale books,
Where character was way more important than
looks.

Maybe there will never be a way to go back,
To live in the past without iPods or Macs.
No way to return to those good old days that are
now perished,
Those days we look back on and wish we had
cherished.

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